Line-11, please delete "TNF-gamma-alpha" and replace therefor -- TNF-gamma-beta --: line\_13, please delete "TNF-gamma-alpha" and replace therefor -- TNF-gamma-beta --; and line 16, please delete "TNF-gamma-alpha" and replace therefor -- TNF-gamma-beta --. At-page 7, line 15, please delete "TNF-gamma-alpha" and replace therefor -- TNF-gamma-beta --; line 17, please delete "TNF-gamma-alpha" and replace therefor -- TNF-gamma-beta --; and line 20, please delete "TNF-gamma-alpha" and replace therefor -- TNF-gamma-beta --. At-page 17, line 1, please delete "TNF-gamma-alpha" and replace therefor -- TNF-gamma-beta --. In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 18-19, 21-22, and 37-39 without prejudice.

## Please amend the claims as follows:

<sup>9</sup>55. (Once Amended) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

a polynucleotide sequence of at least 30 contiguous nucleotides (a) of nucleotides 783 to 1304 of SEQ ID NO:1;